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BE KIND TO ANIMALS

This week has been set aside by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals as a time for us to give special consideration to our dumb friends. The efforts of the weeks will be concentrated on "Humane Sunday." The keynote of the movement is expressed in Cowper's lines:

"I would not enter on my list of friends,
Though graced with polished manners
and fine sense.

Yet wanting sensibility, the man
Who needlessly sets foot upon a
worm."

To mistreat those who cannot ask for redress is cowardly. The fact that animals are dumb does not prove, as some persons seem to think, that they are insensible to pain. Every act of cruelty to animals degrades the one who commits it.

There are humane laws for the prevention of public abuse of animals but no law can force a person to be kind to animals. The purpose of "Be Kind to Animals Week" is to teach regard for dumb animals. If children are taught to be kind to animals, there will be little need of humane laws in the next generation. Humane laws will be replaced by observance of the Golden Rule in our treatment of animals.

BUILDING MISSOURI'S ROADS

Shall the roads be built and maintained under state supervision and management, or by the county and district? The county or district plan has been urged by some because that is the method we have used in the past. We can best judge by observing the results of each system.

Indiana, which a committee of Missouri legislators has been visiting, is ranked third among the good-roads states. L. L. Wright, director of highways of Indiana, advised against any other plan than state management. He condemned the county unit or special district plans as resulting in roads "beginning nowhere and ending nowhere." Indiana has passed through that period and is still paying for it.

The Arkansas plan of district building has caused such unjust and heavy taxation that people resisted the tax collectors with force. The New York Times investigated the situation and found that in several cases the road tax for certain projects would amount to more than the value of the property before the bonds were paid. Often the property subject to this confiscatory tax was far from the proposed improved roads. The roads built are said to be of inferior construction, disconnected and practically worthless.

All over the country good road systems are linked with state supervision and control. Missouri has voted to spend \$60,000,000 to produce good roads. The people do not want to see the legislators engage in a log-rolling bee in which each one strives to get the largest share for his section.

Men often seek the company of dumb animals to avoid tales of woe and embarrassing questions.

THE MODERN SUNDAY

Within a generation there has been a great change in the way people make use of Sunday. Formerly it was to a greater degree observed as a day of rest. It was considered sacrilegious to spend the day even in wholesome recreation. Now pleasure trips and recreation games are among the mildest of ways in which people "rest."

There is much to say in favor of recreational sports on Sunday. It is the only day of the week when many workers have the time for such things, and a certain amount of recreation is more

desirable than simple rest. It is not this form of Sunday diversion that the so-called blue laws are intended to suppress. The automobile and other inventions have speeded up our life a great deal and have had their influence on habit. For many, Sunday is an opportunity for a more extended period of leisurely pleasure than the remainder of the week affords. Instead of getting back to work refreshed, this type is less fitted to carry out their duties on Monday morning than at any other time. There may be small chance of enacting blue laws for some years to come. But if a certain proportion of the population continues to go to the extreme in Sunday pleasures, there will be a reaction which is apt to bring hardship to those to whom Sunday recreation is essential.

OPEN COLUMN

The Decline of Oratory.

Editor the Missouriian: To be an orator was a longing that every Roman boy of early times cherished. Although the polished utterances of Cicero or the fiery ones of Demosthenes have never been striven for in this country as they were in the Roman and Greek schools, oratory has been no small part of the high school and college boy's training. The character of our government, encouraging and indeed calling for free speech, puts a premium on the persuasive and convincing speaker. Yet recently a contest between representatives of six state universities of the Missouri Valley, held in the University Auditorium, drew a handful of people. In the tenuous contest for a representative from this university, four persons showed interest enough to enter, two of these being freshmen.

So short a time ago, as five years ago, rhetorical contests throughout the schools of the state were common, and interest in them ran high. Much of that interest seems to have been lost and such contests are becoming infrequent. Whether other school activities or lighter amusements are taking their place is difficult to judge. Considering the importance and seriousness of many modern problems and the need of many reforms, a carefully trained speaker with a bit of the silver on his tongue would not find a lack of opportunity to make use of his art. The utterances of Henry Clay, the "cross of gold and crown of thorns" of Mr. Bryan, are remembered gratefully. J. E.

Cheating to Be Reported.

Editor the Missouriian: Be it known to the students of the University of Missouri that a powerful organization, composed of students of high standing and good character in the university, exists for the purpose of bettering school conditions and co-operating in every possible manner in the honorable fulfillment of school duties and obligations by the students.

One task of this organization is to put the Honor System on a dignified and proper basis. We therefore make this announcement to warn the students of the university that anyone caught cribbing or otherwise breaking the rules in the honor system will be dealt with in a severe manner. We shall tolerate no cheating and leniency will be shown none.

We hide the identity of our members so that our work may be carried on in an unobtrusive and efficient manner. Our numbers are great. We have representatives in nearly every class room. Your neighbor may be one of us, so be square that you shall not be embarrassed before the student body.

ALFRED DUX

HALLSVILLE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Jones entertained the members of the senior class of the Hallsville High School Sunday night.

Miss Mary Jewell Tucker is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Floyd Chandler of Centralia.

Miss Audrey Tucker entertained the pupils of Varnon School and Miss Belle Penberton and Miss Nellie B. Roberts Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Henry and daughter are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Henry of Columbia.

The following people attended the funeral of Mr. James Reid of Columbia: C. C. Quisenberry, Mrs. Bertie Bullard, B. C. Chandler and family, J. C. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Colby Quisenberry, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jones, D. M. Hulon, Fountain Jones and Charles C. Griffithfield.

W. D. Hulon of Centralia was in Hallsville Tuesday on business.

Mrs. E. A. Jones spent Tuesday shopping in Columbia.

The Parent-Teachers Association made about \$20 from the bakery sale last Saturday.

Holds Final Meeting of Year.
The Primary Council, a grade school teachers' organization, held its final meeting of the year Tuesday evening at Harris' Cafe. Miss Ella V. Dobbs gave a report of the National Educational Association meeting held in Atlantic City and Dr. S. F. Bratton gave a talk on "Conservation of National Resources."

Crescent to Be Issued by May 1.
The Crescent, the annual of the Columbia High School, is now in the hands of the publishers and will be ready for distribution by May 1.

THE FIRES OF AMBITION!



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CENTRALIA NEWS

Miss M. E. McCaul, Miss Nellie McKean and Miss Kathryn Journey were visitors in Mexico Monday.

D. B. Carpenter of Hallsville was a Centralia visitor Monday.

J. Turner of Mexico was in Centralia Monday.

Mrs. L. W. St. Clair-Moss of Christian College visited the senior members of the high school Tuesday.

Mrs. M. E. Lewis and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. B. McAfee. Mrs. George P. Naylor and family were entertained Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hulon.

Frank Denton and Miss Lavaine Martin were visitors Sunday in Columbia.

Miss Helen Naylor and Carroll Early were visitors in Harris Springs last week.

The sophomore class held a debate Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rosser returned from Independence, Kan., where they attended the funeral of Mr. Rosser's father.

M. A. Palmer has gone to Illinois to visit his son, Arnold.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Flynn visited Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wilcox Sunday.

Sam Dyke of Mexico was a Centralia visitor Saturday.

A contest is being held between the girls and boys of the Epworth League.

Miss Imogene Herndon is improving in health.

Miss Mary Brown of Mexico visited her sister, Mrs. Francis Lyon, Sunday.

Miss Ruth Sellers visited her sister, Mrs. J. C. Flynn, Sunday.

Mrs. Morton Penberton entertained the members of the W. C. T. U. last week.

Miss Mildred Early and Rhodes Asbury motored to Moberly Monday.

Mrs. C. W. Settle, Sr., C. W. Settle, Jr., and Miss Lorene Martin spent Monday in Columbia.

Miss Annalee Looson was a Mexico visitor Monday.

Miss Eliza Goffin of Mexico was a week-end visitor here.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Asbury were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Denton.

Miss Mildred Early and Rhodes Asbury were visitors in Columbia Sunday.

Burial of the body of Mrs. Marie Hocker Stiles was held in Centralia Monday. She formerly taught school in Centralia. Her husband was a former druggist in the city.

Miss Lucille Simmons, who will be graduated from Hardin College this

spring, has been offered a position as teacher in the West at a good salary. Miss Simmons was home from school Friday.

Carroll Early and Floyd Byron were visitors in Mexico Monday.

Miss Frances Palmer was a visitor in Columbia Tuesday.

The Rev. W. L. Dorgan of Columbia was a visitor here Monday.

Miss Genelle Mourning spent Tuesday north of Centralia on business.

Miss Nonnie Garrett was north of town on business Monday.

The Girls' Mission Circle will meet with Dorothy Rowland Tuesday evening.

Miss Leona Zimmerman, a student of

the University, was a week-end visitor in Centralia.

Miss Forestelle Riley was south of town on business Tuesday.

The Forty-Two Club will meet with Mrs. Patrick Renie.

Appointed Member of Association.
Prof. A. C. Lanier has been appointed a member of the American Association of University Professors to study the question of the salubrious year system in American Universities. Prof. Joseph Istroff, of the University of Wisconsin is chairman.

Engineering Station Expanding.
The work of the engineering experiment station in testing materials for the State Highway Department is expanding so rapidly that two additional men will be employed to take care of the additional business.



Month-End Reductions on

Suits, Coats, Dresses

Which Will Begin with Friday and Saturday Selling

Suits are priced \$19.95 and up.
Coats are priced \$7.95 and up.
Silk Dresses are \$10.95 and up.

With the season still at its height this sale will be appreciated for there are many who have been waiting for such an opportunity of procuring unquestionable values such as are here offered. In many instances the suits and coats are less than half price and the cost on them has been disregarded, and the values offered on the silk dresses will instantly attract you. At this time we are needing more room for the incoming wash dresses. All sizes are represented in the above lots and you are sure to find something that will be of interest to you.

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Coats \$7.95 up
Silk Dresses \$10.95 up

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"A Small Town Idol"

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Till your sides ache and the tears roll down your cheeks

A Comedy that will put dimples in the cheeks of the world.

ALSO 2-REEL SUNSHINE COMEDY

HALL CONCERT ORCHESTRA—Don Cady, Director